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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Legislative Items

1. This reports several legislative items of interest, none of major importance, which are active.


2. H.R. 16241, which imposes an air travel tax and lower customs exemptions, passed the House 4 April. An excerpt from the Congressional Record covering the House's approval was sent to OPPE, Logistics, [] and OGC with a note calling this action to their attention in connection with such budgetary or other implications it may have on Agency activities.

3. H.R. 15414, excise tax bill, also carried a surtax and withholding for individuals at new rates to take effect ten days after enactment. Finance Division has been alerted and have advised us that this should pose no problem since Government-wide instructions pertaining to new withholding schedules should be received on a timely basis from normal sources.

4. H. Con. Res. 705, concerning employment assistance for Vietnam era veterans, was reported out probably as a substitute for previously reported out H. J. Res. 1052 which has already received a Rule. It seems the Concurrent Resolution form is more appropriate for expressing the sense of the Congress since a Joint Resolution requiring the signature of the President may raise questions on possible conflict with existing law.

5. S. 2116, to establish a Commission to study the organization and management of the Executive Branch, has again been the subject of hearings by the Executive Reorganization Subcommittee of Senate Government Operations Committee. While no agency is exempt from the Commission's investigative powers, S. 2116 makes this power subject to the requirements of national security.

6. S. 1418, to change the passport laws, is scheduled for Senate floor consideration 8 April 1968.


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